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ASH WEDNESDAY

You are
invited to
attend

**The Ash Wednesday Worship Service
on February 6, 2008 at 7:00 PM**

**Please come to this quiet and intimate service
that helps us to prepare for our Lenten Journey.
During the service there will be anointing of oil
and imposition of ashes (both optional).**

Special Worship at Union Congregational Church

What Is Ash Wednesday All about – Service at 7 PM on February 6, 2008

ASH WEDNESDAY

The church season of Lent formally begins on Ash Wednesday, when Christians come together to confess their sins (missing of the mark either by commission or omission), accept God's forgiveness, and receive a mark of ashes (a reminder of repentance) and oil (a reminder of healing). Ash Wednesday is the fortieth day before Easter. The marking on the forehead is done as a symbol of the penitential character of the Lenten season and serves as a reminder of one's mortality and a motivation to be faithful to the good news of Emmanuel, Jesus the Christ (God with us). The history of the services comes from ancient Hebrew times, when mourners and penitents clothed themselves in sackcloth and sprinkled their heads and faces with dust and ashes as a sign that they were sorry for something they either had done or failed to do.



Sunday, February 10, 2008, is Boy Scout Sunday and we will have a special speaker, Mr. Jamie Marshall. Jamie is a junior at Gordon College where he is majoring in youth ministry. He is 21 years of age. At the age of 18 he started an all high school ecumenical church that he led for two years in his hometown of St. Johnsbury, VT. He has had several opportunities to speak at various high school age retreats and camps over the last several years. His mother and father are co-pastors of a United Methodist Church in St. Johnsbury, VT. Jamie's father was an Eagle Scout and he was in the cub scouts/boy scouts for six years. We look forward to having Jamie with us as special speaker for Boy Scout Sunday. Pastor Jean will be the liturgist, along with the help of Wil H and Charlie Y. Boy Scout Troup 130 will be joining us for worship.

February 24, 2008 – Sunday Café Worship Service, 10 AM – Sacred Circle Dances

Our Sunday Cafe worship service will welcome Reverend Steve Fisher, Ph.D. Dr. Fisher is a UCC clergyman who served over 20 years as the Director of the Greater Lowell Pastoral Counseling Center and is now a psychologist and pastoral counselor in private practice. He also is a teacher of Sacred Circle Dances and this is what he will be teaching us at the Sunday Café Worship Service. This will be a good and interesting time for all and sacred circle dances are possible for all.



Sacred Circle Dances are gentle, community building dances. This global dance tradition is a close cousin to folk dance but differs from it in its celebration of our spiritual connections to one another and to Earth. Sacred Circles are danced in closed and open circles and spirals, ancient forms symbolizing the equality of all people and the unity of all life. Experiencing these dances helps participants shift from feelings of isolation into a greater sense of community. Dr. Fisher will provide the music for this part of our worship. Please come and join us for the time of community building as we practice the Sacred Circle Dances.

Prayer for the Day

Meditation
for a New Year
by Amanda Poppei

My friends, we have arrived.
We are here, in this new year.

We have crossed the
boundary of time, into the
next year, with all its
resolutions and plans and
schedules ahead of us.

Let us pause, for this moment,
before we move boldly
onward.

Let us pause to hear the
breathing of those around us,
to feel their presence and to
know their presence in our
lives.

Let us pause to consider the
trees, their branches stripped
bare, their elegant architecture
on display.

Let us pause to feel the spirit
of life and love that ties us to
each other, that winds its way
through our very bones and
settles in our hearts.

Before we march forward,
armed with resolutions that
will shortly be forgotten in
the day-to-day of living, let us
notice what it is that remains
every year, every day. What
exists beyond schedules and
months, beyond time. It
welcomes us to life, not just
at the start of the year, but
every day.

And let us answer . . . Amen.

From the Interim Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends in Christ,

On Wednesday, February 6, we begin the Lenten Season of the church year, moving from the season of Epiphany of Christ, the appearing of Christ as the light of the world to that of Christ's mission to the world. Join us for a 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday service.

During Lent, our focus turns to the cruel practice of victimization and scapegoating that is so prominent in culture, whether here in the United States or in any other country around the world. The last weeks and days of Christ's life are a laser beaming into this human potential to scapegoat. We are familiar with this dynamic on a large scale when genocide is let loose on a particular group of people.

Scapegoating and victimizing tendencies inhabit the minds and behaviors of each of us and is something that we need to repent of on an individual, group and national basis. Therefore:

- Lent is about repentance; let us ask forgiveness for ourselves and extend forgiveness to others.
- Lent is about intentionally being sacrificial as we identify with Christ.
- Lent is about taking on some form of self-discipline as we consider Christ.
- Lent is about hope in Christ.

While Jesus was a victim of scapegoating, he overcame the attempt to scapegoat him. How? By praying for his abusers: "*Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.*" And most importantly, Jesus did not enter into victimizing and scapegoating others. As Christians, we are called to a like response and, like Jesus, can accomplish such only by turning to God in prayer. God will give us the needed grace.

Lent reminds and calls us to seek justice for those who are abused and scapegoated. May we not be slack in so doing. May we see Christ in every victim; may we pray for both the victim and the abuser. Let us recall the words of Martin Luther King, Jr., who wrote from the Birmingham jail: "*The time is always ripe to do right.*"

A prayer you might want to use during Lent is this one from the Dalai Lama who at his 1989 acceptance of the Nobel Peace Prize offered the following prayer:

"I pray for all of us, oppressor and friend, that together we succeed in building a better world through human understanding and love and that in doing so we may reduce the pain and suffering of all beings."

May we be continuing in faith, hope and love in Christ, *Pastor Jean*

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**Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 AM,
Fellowship at 11:00 AM
(nursery care provided)
Church School during Worship
Building is handicapped accessible**

Websites

Mass Conference: www.macucc.org

United Church of Christ: www.ucc.org

Stewardship for 2008! Update

Invited to Give, Thanks!

Thank you to all that have submitted a pledge for 2008. To date we have received 42 pledges totaling \$43,086.

At our Annual Meeting Lynne Hatch indicated that contributions to repaying the loan for the paving of the parking lot have been excellent! A round of great 'Thanks' goes out to everyone.



Thank You,
Robert M, Chair
Janet B
Pastor Jean

Search Committee Update

The Search Committee is devotedly meeting every Monday night going over profiles in their ongoing search for a settled pastor for our church. Please keep them in your prayers as they work on our behalf.

Church Publicist

We have been searching for a Church Publicist for months now. This is an important role to communicate to the outside world what is going on at the church. This does not require a lot of time on anyone's part – just that they need to have a computer and email access. For the time being, our Church Administrator, Ruth Carney, will take on this role until a member of our congregation is able to volunteer. Because of the newspapers' deadlines and Ruth's office schedule, you will need to get any information to her a minimum of 3 weeks (preferably 4 weeks) in advance. Ruth will be able to write the article – just give her the: **who, what, where and when**. If you want info in the papers about an event that already has taken place, you will need to give her as much information as possible as she would not have been at the event.

Deadline for the next *Union News* is

**February 24, 2008
for Issue: February 28, 2008**

(This issue will contain the calendar and the volunteer schedule for March.)

Next Deadline

for newsletter: 3/23/08, Issue: 3/27/08

(This issue will contain the calendar and the volunteer schedule for April.)

Soup's On!



Soup Sale!! – On **February 24, 2008**, immediately after worship, you have the opportunity of purchasing home made soups. Stock up for those days when a bowl of soup is just right! Take the day off from cooking and have a delicious bowl of nourishing soup instead! Whatever your reason or need – Soup's On!

Sunday Café



During our Sunday Café (previously known as the “Coffee Hour”), **we will now only offer coffee and juice** which will make the preparation and clean-up easier. We *continue* to need more people to help with this important part of our fellowship time after worship. By eliminating the extras, this task should be easier for everyone.

Christmas Parade Update

On Sunday, December 2, 2007, our church participated with the United Methodist Church in the Annual Maynard Christmas Parade. We had a float in the parade with Joseph and Mary (on a donkey named Sawyer) traveling to Bethlehem. Participants gathered at the church for cookies and cocoa after the parade. Check out the pictures next time you are at church.

Annual Meeting Recap

Annual Meeting – January 27, 2008

If you did not attend the Annual Meeting this past Sunday check in with Ruth and get a copy of the report, it is packed with a lot of valuable information.

I won't take up much space going over the whole meeting but will highlight three areas you should pay attention to:

First, the report from Rev. Jean is very insightful and has some good ideas to help us focus on growth and to have an efficient structure. Of particular interest is the idea of modifying our current organizational structure to more closely reflect our reduced size. Also, in conjunction with CE and the Trustees, an idea to enhance child safety by bringing the Nursery to the same level as Sunday school so that it is not isolated away on the lower floor. It is a plan that involves modifying the Chapel. Check in with Nanda L and Lynne H for more details. (See related Nursery article in this newsletter.)

Second, the report from the Nominating Committee certainly reflected reality. The report highlights the fact that many members wear various hats and that many more heads are needed. Donna A. was moved to accept the position of clerk and we are pleased about her taking on this important work. Also, we continue to need to have someone in the role of Assistance Treasurer. Please be in prayer that God will move someone to take this position. Several committees are very short of help. If you have an interest in a particular area, please talk to Betty H.

Lastly, the budget – the difference between the projected income and the projected expenditures is significant. Most of that is attributable to the cost of a full time settled Pastor. The Search Committee will make every effort to be prudent. It should be recognized by everyone, however, that any shortfall would be made up by the endowment Fund.

A quorum was present and all reports by committees and the proposed budget were accepted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert M
Moderator

23rd Psalm – an English translation of a Japanese Version

The Lord is my pacesetter. I shall not rush. He makes me to stop for quiet intervals. He provides me with images of stillness which restore my serenity. He leads me in ways of efficiency through calmness of mind, and his guidance is peace.

Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day, I will not fret. For His presence is here. His timelessness, His all-importance, will keep me in balance.

He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity, by anointing my mind with the oil of his tranquility. My cup of joyous energy overflows. Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruit of my hours; And I shall walk in the pace of the Lord and dwell in His house forever.

Just Think by Roy Lessin

“Just Think,
You’re not here by chance,
But by God’s choosing.

God’s hand formed you and
Made you the person you are.

God compares you to no one else
You are one of a kind.

You lack nothing that
God’s grace can’t give you.

God has allowed you to be here at
This time in history to fulfill

God’s special purpose for this
generation.”

Take a Look at the Nursery



At the Annual Meeting, Pastor Jean and Lynne H spoke of the need to relocate our Nursery Room. Currently it is located on the lower level and can be reached by the staircase at the back of the Sanctuary. Walk down that staircase and go to the Nursery. As you take this trip, imagine you are a new family to the church – what would **you** think? Is the stairwell claustrophobic? Is the Nursery Room too small? Is your precious baby/toddler too far away from you? Just **what** would you think about this?

The discussion now is about the possibility of turning the Chapel into two rooms – A new Nursery and a Music Room that would also be Roy’s office. We have only been using the Chapel for a couple of services a year which could easily be held in the Sanctuary. In the very near future, we will tape off the floor in the Chapel so everyone would be able to see what is being proposed.

Roy does use the Chapel for rehearsing the choir, but doesn’t use the entire space. Also, Roy does not have any office space in our building. The new Music Room would have enough space to rehearse the choir and also have a small desk for Roy so he would have a place to sit down and work. He jokes about his office when asked where it is and says it is his mailbox in the hall. This is not fair to him.

The new Nursery would be bright, airy and inviting for the little ones. It would also be on the same level as the Sanctuary so parents would feel more at ease leaving their infants and toddlers. Having the Nursery on the upper level would bring all of our children to one floor and one wing of our building. Take a look at the classrooms. Imagine how welcoming and inviting this will be to families!



Church Family Meetings

The next date scheduled for the **Church Family Meeting** will be after worship on Sunday, **February 24, 2008**. Plan to stay for refreshments, sharing with one another, and also to share your ideas about the direction of our church family.

From the Church Office



Hi One and All,
You will continue to notice some changes in our newsletter. As we are getting prepared to finally having a website, we realized we need to rethink how we list people's names in the newsletter. Since we will be archiving *The Union News* on the website, it has been decided that we will no longer use last names – we will use an initial instead. Having said that, there will be occasional times when a full name will be listed. These exceptions will be very rare and intentionally used. We are hoping the site will be up and running in the first quarter of 2008 (hopefully, more in the beginning of the quarter than the end). It is an exciting journey to be on.

We are now emailing *The Union News* with a different program. You will now receive it as a pdf file. This will allow the newsletter to reach you in the same format as it was sent. We had been noticing problems for some people who could not open the Word document we had been sending. Now, with our new program, you would be able to have the newsletter exactly as it left the Church Office.

Also, it is very important that we keep the church calendar be accurate. Please let me know when you are meeting ***even if it is after the fact.*** You can leave me a voicemail message, leave a note in my mail-box or email me and I will put it on the calendar. Also, if you decide not to meet, please let me know and I will remove it from calendar. We need to have complete and accurate records for our building use. Thank you to all who have been updating me.

Peace and Blessings, *Ruth*

Girl Scout Project

Girl Scout Troop 2501 is working on the Bronze Award. This is one of the highest awards a Junior Girl Scout can earn, requiring leadership and planning skills necessary to follow through on a service project that makes a positive impact on the community. A Girl Scout who is working towards this award has to demonstrate a commitment to helping others and improving her community. A total of 15 hours is spent on planning for the project, making contacts, assembling appropriate donation bins, placing them at designated locations, weekly pick ups and finally the end delivery.

Giving “A New Lease on Life to Homeless Dogs and Cats” is the mission project for Stow Girl Scout Troop 2501. Items are being collected at 12 different locations around the Maynard and Stow area. This collection will benefit the Buddy Dog Humane Society in Sudbury. The collection box at the church is located in front of the display cabinet outside of the Sanctuary. The collection will go on for every Sunday in February.

Wish List Items Include:

- Dry or canned cat and kitten food
- Cat Litter
- Cat Toys
- Blankets
- Newspaper
- Canned Dog Food
- Science Diet Dry Dog and Puppy Food
- Office Supplies (Pens, Markers, Paper Clips, File Folders)
- Collars
- Leashes
- Dog Toys
- Milk Bones and Dog Treats
- Cleaning Supplies (Bleach, Paper towels, Scrub Pads, Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap)
- Towels
- Fleece Fabric, Flannel Flat Sheets and Pillow Cases to make Pet Beds

Thank you,
Heather and Hannah F

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the lovely poinsettias you gave us at Christmas. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated by all of us.

Grace and Peace,
Jean, Joe, Roy and Ruth

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the community of people we serve, I am writing to thank all of you for your very generous donation of new hats, gloves, mittens and scarves to Open Table Maynard. The guests we gave them to were delighted to receive them. Thanks to your generosity and thoughtfulness once again this holiday season, the people who received these items will be much warmer this winter. ... It is the thoughtful and continued generosity of donors such as you that allows us to occasionally supplement our meals and groceries with other essential items. We truly appreciate your help and continued support. Sincerely,

Peter Hilton, President of Open Table
(Maynard & Concord)

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for my poinsettia and remembering me at Christmas. I enjoyed having the plant during the holidays.

Marian Weaving

Caring and Sharing Support Group

The Caregivers Support Group, which had been meeting for some time but stopped about two years ago, began meeting again in October. Whether your grief arises from the loss of a loved one, or from taking care of a family member in failing health, or from past or present pain, you are invited to take part in the group.

The goal of the group would be to create a safe and sacred space where we can listen to each other with respect and without judgment; where we can share one another's sorrows and joys; where we can pray for one another for strength, courage, a strong faith and a deeper relationship with God through Christ.

Please let Pastor Jean know of your interest and/or any questions that you may have about the Caring and Sharing Support Group. You may contact Pastor Jean at 978 897-2522 or at pastormaynarducc@verizon.net.

Please do not forget –
this is important
If you get sick –

We have had parishioners in the hospital and only found out about it after discharge. Do not assume that your family will contact us if something is happening with you. Also, you may think it's no big deal and not want to bother the church, but **it is a Big Deal to us. We care.**

Many times when there is a crisis, your family may not be thinking clearly or even realize that they should contact the church. We ask that you do the following:

- † **Tell** your family members **now** to call us when you go to the hospital, etc.
- † Have someone **Call** the church office at 978-897-2522.

Would you or a family member or a friend or a medical professional (nurse, etc.), please let Pastor Jean and/or Ruth know what is happening? We will keep any information you give us confidential unless you instruct us it is OK to share it. Thank you!

Church Leadership

Robert M, Moderator ,
Chair Stewardship & Search Committee

Elayne F, Treasurer

James M, Financial Secretary

Lila C, Chair of Deacons
& Mission Outreach

Lynne H, Chair of Trustees

Nanda L & Kathy H,
Co-Superintendents of Sunday School

Kathi M, Chair of Christian Education

Phil B, Chair of Investments

Beth P & Marge M, Members at Large

Beth P,
Chair of Altar & Usher Committees

Marge M,
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator

Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ – Board of Directors Meeting

At the last MACUCC Board of Directors Meeting (November 30-December 1, 2007), discussions were held regarding:

Living into *A Still More Excellent Way*, how to best organize to support the directions in the document

Best Use of Underutilized Real Estate Properties in Cummington and Ashland.

Nominating Committee concerns regarding fewer than half the number of members required in the bylaws

Personnel Policy Changes – approved revisions.

Full meeting highlights posted on bulletin board in lower hallway.

Church Goals

On Sunday, November 5, 2006 at the Church Congregational Meeting, an adapted list of church goals was presented by the Liaison Team. The adapted list is printed below: (Please read them carefully and keep the life of the church in your prayers.) The goals are a real help to the development and growth of church life.

- † Settled Pastor
- † Communications within the church
- † Conflict Management
- † Church Growth (This new goal incorporates membership, active participation and publicity.)
- † Strengthen Christian Education – There was a consensus that focusing on the nursery-pre-school program was a top priority. The Christian Education Committee will review and suggest what is needed to the congregation.
- † Statement of Purpose
- † Church Safety (a new goal) – A Safe Church Policy was unanimously voted. The Church Council will initiate implementation of the Safe Church Policy and other church safety procedures.

Driveway Project

Thank you, one and all, for your contributions to our new driveway! Everything is on schedule! Please check out the Driveway Project Boards at the church for the progress. The blue offering envelopes for this project may be found on the table opposite the display cabinet. If you mail your check, please put **“Driveway Project”** on the lower left corner of the envelope (and on the memo line on your check) or if you would like Ruth to send you a few of the driveway offering envelopes, just call or email her.

Three Upcoming Dates



Groundhog Day – February 2, 2008 – let’s hope the little fellow doesn’t see his shadow so we will not have 6 more weeks of winter!

Super Bowl Sunday – February 3, 2008
GO PATS!!!



Primary Voting Day –
Exercise your right – vote February 5, 2008

Prayer Celebrations & Concerns

Parishioners (and loved ones) in our prayers:

- Edith B.
- Albert (Ole) C.
- Anne G.
- Jane J.
- Jim O.
- Anne R.
- Jim R.
- Nick S.
- Nancy S.
- Marian W.
- David W.
- Thelma W.

Please keep in your prayers:
 All those now serving or about to serve in the US Armed Forces.
 All those affected by the conflicts in the Middle East.

Our President and all government leaders. May we find an equitable peace for all.

All those who are still dealing with the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma.

Chris S who is serving in Africa

Peace and understanding in the world and in our personal lives.

Special Birthdays

There have been two special birthdays in our church family. In December, Marian W celebrated her 95th and in January, Helen L celebrated her 95th. Special wishes go out to these two special ladies!



Wish These Friends a "Happy Birthday!"

February Birthdays

Day	Name
02	Kristin C
12	Emily L
15	Dawn O
16	Heather F
18	Samantha F
18	Neil W
20	Joshua D

Volunteer Schedule

February 3, 2008
Flowers: Diana E
Altar: Beth P
Ushers: Ruth A, Steve M, Raoul P & George Y
Nursery: Laura Doucette & ?

February 10, 2008
Flowers: Diana E
Altar: Beth P
Ushers: Beth P, Suzanne W & Fred W
Nursery: Laura Doucette & ?

February 17, 2008
Flowers: Diana E
Altar: Beth P
Ushers: Phil B, Kristin C & Robert M
Nursery: Laura Doucette & ?

February 24, 2008
Flowers: Diana E
Altar: Beth P
Ushers: Ruth A, Steve M, Raoul P & George Y
Nursery: Laura Doucette & ?



Thoughts for the Day

Though our feelings come and go,
 God's love for us does not.
 – C. S. Lewis

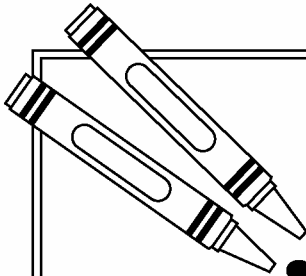
In order to succeed, you must first know what it is you want.
 – unknown

Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.
 – unknown

Begin to weave and God will give you the thread
 – German Proverb

When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.
 – Helen Keller

May we have hope for the future, peace in the world, love in our hearts and joy for today.
 – rec



Just for KIDS

LOVE

In the Bible, Jesus says there are two greatest commandments. Below is a heart with continuous words around it. With your pencil, draw lines between the words. Then copy the words onto the lines below to complete Luke 10:27, NIV.

OUR STRENGTH AND WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND, LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.

LUKE 10:27

Answer: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Give a heart



One way to show love is to do something nice for someone else. Luke 10:27 tells us to love our neighbors, but who are our neighbors? Everyone is!

Make these fun heart treats to share with some of your neighbors.

What you need:

- Saucepan
- 2 tablespoons of butter
- 2 or 3 bags of miniature marshmallows
- 4 cups of crisp-rice cereal (regular or chocolate)
- 9 x 13 pan
- Heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Bag of chocolate chips (milk or white chocolate)
- Bowl
- Zipper sandwich baggie
- Scissors

What you do (with adult help):

1. Melt butter in saucepan and add marshmallows.
2. Stir until mixture becomes difficult to stir anymore. Mix in cereal and stir.
3. Butter the 9 x 13 pan and spread the mixture evenly in it. Allow to cool.
4. When cool, use cookie cutter to cut out heart-shaped treats.
5. Melt chocolate chips in a bowl in the microwave.
6. Spoon melted chocolate into a baggie. Cut off a corner and drizzle chocolate over the treats.
7. Enjoy giving a heart to your neighbor!

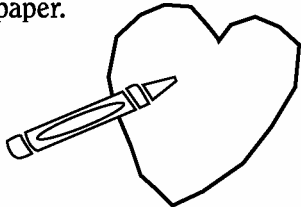
Send an Invisible Valentine to Someone You Love!

Here's what you'll need:

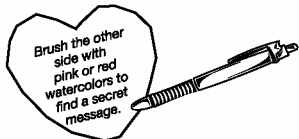
- Scissors
- White construction paper
- White crayon
- Pen
- Pink or red watercolor

Here's how to make an invisible Valentine:

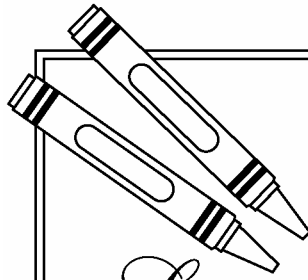
1. Cut a heart shape out of the white construction paper.



2. Use the white crayon to decorate the heart with designs and a message. Press hard!
3. On the back, use the pen to write: "Brush the other side with pink or red watercolor to find a secret message."



4. Give the valentine to someone you love. When the person paints the "blank" side, your secret message will be revealed!



Just for KIDS

Love is the greatest commandment!

What did Jesus say when asked about the greatest commandment of God?

Write the first letter of each picture on the lines below.



Mark 12:30-31

Answer: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and ... Love your neighbor as yourself.

Church Calendar

Sunday Morning

- †Choir Rehearsal – 9:15 AM
- †Worship – 10:00 AM
- †Sunday School – after the children's message in morning worship
- †Sunday Café/Fellowship – 11:00 AM
- †Youth Group – Last Sunday of each month – 10:00 AM



Regular Meeting Schedule

- †CE – 3rd Tue. of the month, 6:00 PM
- †Choir Rehearsal – Thursdays, 7:00 PM
- †Church Management – (as needed)
- †Council – 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 PM
- †Deacons – 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 PM
- †Caring & Sharing Support Group – Feb 14, 10:30 AM
- †Investments – 2nd Sunday, 11:30 AM
- †Missions – 2nd Sunday, 11:30 AM
- †Pastor Parish Relations Committee – (not meeting)
- †Search Committee – Mondays 7:00 PM
- †Trustees – 1st Wednesday, 7:00 PM

Regular Building Users

- †Alanon/Alateen – Thursdays, 8:00 PM
- †Boy Scouts – Tuesdays, 6:00-9:00 PM
- †Community School – Weekdays, 7:30 AM-5:30 PM
- †Depression Anonymous – Wednesdays, 6:30 PM
- †Maynard Food Co-op –
- †Open Table – Mondays, 4-7:00 PM, 2nd Monday business meeting 7-9:00 PM
- †Senior Drop in Center – Tuesdays, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Upcoming Dates

- † Mission Outreach – February 3, 2008 at 11:30 AM (different from normal meeting time)
- † Staff Meeting – 2:00 PM every Tuesday
- † Ash Wednesday Service – February 6, 2008 at 7:00 PM
- † Boy Scout Sunday – February 10, 2008 – First Sunday in Lent
- † Trustees Meeting – February 13, 2008 at 7:00 PM (different from normal meeting time)
- † Happy Valentine's Day – February 14, 2008
- † Set up for Café Worship – February 22, 2008 at 5:30 PM
- † Sunday Café Worship Service – February 24, 2008
- † Soup Sale – February 24, 2008 after worship
- † Church Family Meeting – February 24, 2008 after worship
- † Newsletter deadline – February 24, 2008



Any changes or updates to the calendar will be announced in worship.

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